

DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.


We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 291958518US); and this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed Application No. 09/804,697, filed March 12, 2001; which application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/US00/10120, filed April 13, 2000; which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/129,055, filed April 13, 1999.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the present application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

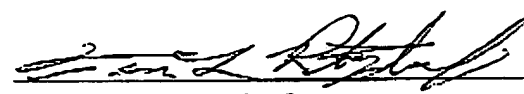
under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.



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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kyle M. Hanson, Thomas L. Ritzdorf, Gregory J. Wilson and
Paul R. McHugh
Filed : May 31, 2001
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL
PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES
Docket No. : 291958158US

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73

AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

Assignee hereby appoints JERRY A. RIEDINGER, Registration No. 30,582; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; MICHAEL D. BROADDUS, Registration No. 41,637; CATHERINE HONG TRAN, Registration No. 43,960; ROBERT G. WOOLSTON, Registration No. 37,263; PAUL T. PARKER, Registration No. 38,264; JOHN M. WECHKIN, Registration No. 42,216; CHRISTOPHER DALEY-WATSON, Registration No. 34,807; STEVEN D. LAWRENZ, Registration No. 37,376; JAMES A.D. WHITE, Registration No. 43,985; EDWARD S. HOTCHKISS, Registration No. 33,904; JAMES NICKELSON, Registration No. 46,140; and MARK A. THOMAS, Registration No. 37,953, all of Perkins Coie LLP, and HARRY M. CROSS,

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JR., Registration No. 22,229, as the principal attorneys with full power of substitution, association, and revocation to prosecute said application, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to receive the letters patent therefor. Please direct all correspondence to Customer Number 25096.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Semitool, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Semitool, Inc.

7/10/01
Date

William A. Freeman

Senior Vice President, Finance and CFO

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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kyle M. Hanson,
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Paul R. McHugh

Docket No.: 29195.8158US
Semitool Number: P01-0028

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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICRO- ELECTRONIC WORKPIECES

ASSIGNMENT:

X Enclosed for recording

 Previously recorded

Date: _____

Reel: _____

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Semitool, Inc. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Montana, having a place of business at 655 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell, Montana 59901, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2001, and is entitled **"APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES"**; such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on


such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States of America;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.



Kyle M. Hanson

Date: 7/6/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

) ss.

County of Flathead)

BEFORE ME, this 6th day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer My Commission Expires March 20, 2004



Thomas L. Ritzdorf

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Gregory J. Wilson
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BEFORE ME, this 16 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer Paul R. McHugh

My Commission Expires March 20, 2004

Paul R. McHugh
Paul R. McHugh

Date: 7/26/01

STATE OF MONTANA)

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BEFORE ME, this 26 day of July, 2001, personally appeared the above-named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

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Notary or Consular Officer Paul R. McHugh

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